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SUPPLEMENTING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Supplementing the various Preliminary and Supplemental Preliminary  
Amendments filed in the above-identified application, please further amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims to the application:

--47. A vacuum processing apparatus, including:

- (a) a plurality of cassette mount tables for mounting cassettes storing  
substrates;  
an atmospheric transfer device for transferring said substrates in an  
atmosphere;  
a plurality of vacuum processing chambers for processing said